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The Honorable John Stakoe, Chairman
House Local Government Committee
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Chairman Stakoe:

It is my understanding that your committee will shortly be taking testimony on House Bills 6045 and 6046 regarding allowing local units of government the first right of refusal on state land sales. As written, this legislation would be a big help to counties on several fronts.

First, it allows locally elected officials to determine whether or not park land or other land for economic development purposes would fit their local planning purposes. In addition, should local leaders want to acquire land, could do so in partnership with private investors under this legislation. Lastly, the provision which allows locals to share with the state in profits from future sales of that land also provides great benefit to local units of government.

As such, the Michigan Association of Counties is in support of both bills and appreciates your willingness to take up this legislation!

Sincerely,

Tom Hickson
Director of Legislative Affairs